

one. Had I received it, or had I seen a copy of it, I would have commented on it earlier. But Mr. Smith is really...what Mr. Hirsch is really saying is, oh, well, it's okay, we're doing about as well as we can do, it's not really a problem. Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. In other words, he's been sucked in. I guess that's understandable. Ladies and gentlemen, the time will come in the State of Nebraska when we will recognize that we have the worst of all kinds of gambling, the worst of all kinds of lotteries. I hope it doesn't reach the point that it has reached in some other states, where it reaches into this Legislature. Now I want to point out something else, if, in fact, and for my personal benefit, if we never have video lotteries in Nebraska, it will probably be better. But I would just suggest that there ought to be one more amendment on this bill, if we outlaw video lotteries, and we encourage illegal pickles. There ought to be one more amendment, since we've virtually acknowledged that horse racing is wiped out, we ought to ban thoroughbreds from running on Nebraska tracks. We ought to require that horses that run on Nebraska tracks be Clydesdales, from the Budweiser Beer Wagon, or Belgians, or Percherons. They ought to weigh 12...well, they ought to weigh 2,000 pounds, and they ought to be in full harness. Makes about as much sense as what you are doing. Once again, Education Committee, Senator Withem is experienced in education, and he demonstrates that experience. Senator Smith works very diligently. But we have a limited amount of experience in the gambling area. So, who do we listen to? We listen to the people who today are benefiting from the proliferation of the nonlegal gambling. Someone just said, oh, my golly, all the churches, the Catholic Churches are against this. Well, far be it from me to ever assume that one of my good, friendly clergymen would buy a box of bootlegged tickets. I would never allege that that would happen. On the other hand, if I, as a business manager for the pickle operation of St. Joe's Church, or St. Peter's Church, were offered pickles at \$50 a box for 300, why would I want to look into the legal aspects of where the pickles came from. After all, there's no licensing out there that's going to make that person any different than anyone else. May even be that the licensed operator has got both kinds. What we are saying here today is that somehow or other we ought to, if we're going to have any kind of gambling, ought to be some revenue derived from it. Senator Hall has proposed a method whereby we might derive some more revenue. Not a bad idea. I would support the amendment, and I would hope that when you get back home tonight and you